¶ Tertio die Nouembris anno .xxi. Henrici. viii.

¶ The act agayns kyllyng of calues.

FOr as myche as of olde tyme great multytude of cattell was yerely increased by Weynyng bryngyng vp and rearyng of calues thorow owte thys realme wherby the nombre of oxen & steeres were in such haboundaunce and plenty that beffe and all other vytuall was then good chepe and solde to the kyngys subiectys at reasonable pēny worthes and pryces vntyll now of late yeres passed that the breders of suche calues of theyr couetous myndys haue vsyd to sell theyre calues yog sucking to bouchers / waynyng / rearyng and bringyng vp fewe or none / wherby the encrease of old cattell and also the encrease that shuld or myght haue comen and growen of the same ys marueloully mynyshed and decreased in suche wyse ỹ great derth of cattell and other vytuall hath and doth dayly sprying grow contynew and aryse thorough out this realme not onely to the great enhaunsyng of the prykes of beffes and all maner vytuall but also to the great mynyshyng and enpayreng of good hospytalyte and extreme vndoyng of the kyngys poore and nedy subiectys wythin ỹ same wherche inconuenyence and great scarcytye ys lyke to ensue and encrease more and more yf spedye remedy be not prouyded in that behalfe. Be it therfore ordeynyd and enactyd by the kyng owre souerayne lord the lordes spyrytuall and temporall and the comyns in thys present parlyament assembled and by the auctoryte of the same ỹ no maner parsonne parsons beyng bouchers or other inhabytyng wythin thys realme wales or the marches of the same shall frome the fyrst day of January next comynge duryng thre hole yeres then next folowyng kyll or cause to be kyllyd any maner yōg sucking calf or calues to be solde or put to sale to any parsō or parsons hole or by retayle / whych calfe or calues so hereafter to be kyllyd shall happen to fall or to be calued betwene the sayd fyrst day of January & the fyrst day of Maye in any of the sayd iii. hole yeres vppō payne of. vi. s. viii. d. for euery calfe fallē or calued betwene the sayd dayes and kyllyd and put to sale contrary to thys act / to be payd & forfaytted by euery such boucher or bouchers and other whych shall kyll or cause to be kyllyd and put to sale any suche calfe or calues so fallyng and to be calued betwene the sayd fyrst day of January and ỹ sayd fyrst day of May duryng the sayd. iii. yeres The one halfe of euery such forfayture to be to thuse of our souerayne lord the kyng and thother halfe to the partye that wyll sue for the same by byll accyon of det or informacyon in any of ỹ kyngys courtys wherin no wager of law essoin nor protectyon shalbe alowed.

¶ Prouyded alwayes that euery lorde marcher haue the forfayturs proffytys and auauntagys onely of euery suche offender and offendours agaynst the purueyeng of thys act wyth in theyre seygneouryes lybertyes & fraunchesys royall.

¶ The acte lymytyng the pryse of hattys and cappys brought frome beyond the see.

THe kyng our souerayne lord by the assent of the lordes spyrytuall and temporall and the comyns of thys present parlyament assembled and by the auctoryte of the same hath ordeyned establyshed and enacted for ỹ comē welth of ỹ subiectes of this his realme / ỹ no maner parson or parsons what so euer he or they be frō the feast of ỹ purysyfyacyon of our lady next comyng do sell or cause to be sold within thys hys realm to any parson or parsons any wollen hattys or bonettes or wollen hat or cappe made or to be made in any place or placys out of thys realme of Englond in any of the partyes of beyonde the see ouer or aboue the pryces vnder wryten / that is to say no such cappe or bonet to be sold aboue the some of. ii. s sterlyng and no suche hat to be solde aboue the some of tenne pence / and no such syngle crowne cappe nor syngle nyght cappe to be solde aboue the some of. vi. pence vppon payne to forfayt for euery suche bonet cappe or hat at any tyme after the same feast to be solde ouer the pryce aboue sayd contrary to the tenour of thys act. xl. s. sterlyng / all whych forfeture shall extend onely to the losse of the seller or sellers therof & to no nother / The one halfe therof to be leuyd and recoueryd to the vse of our sayd souerayne lord and the other half to the partye that wyll sue for the same in any of our souerayne Lord the kyngys courtys by accyon of det byll informacyon or other wyse in whyche accyon or sute no protectyon wager of law nor essoin shalbe alowed or admyttyd.

¶ And be yt forther enacted by the auctoryte aboue sayd / that euery parson or parsons beyng or werynge any suche bonet cappe or hat made out of thys realme may lawfully at all tymes hereafter vse were & deteyne any suche bonet cappe or hat cappes or hattes wythout fesure of the same or any daunger losse or other forfayture or penaltye to be had or suffred for the same / any matter clause or other thyng conteynyd or expressyd in this present act or actis heretofore made to the contrary not wythstandyng.

¶ God saue the kyng and preserue the cōmyn welth.